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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
Committee on Appropriations,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Williams & Russell Affordable Homeownership Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Williams & Russell CDC, located at 6607 Martin Luther King Blvd., Portland, Oregon, 97211.

The funding would be used for the development of 10 affordable homes with a target population of Black homebuyers that earn 80% Area Median Income (AMI) or below. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because creation of affordable homeownership opportunities within the Williams & Russell Project provides for a mixed-use community that strengthens the tax base from the homeowners and supports commercial uses on the project site and surrounding community. The project is located in a HUD Low-Moderate Income Neighborhood, NMTC Zone, and SBA HUBZone.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Earl Blumenauer".

Earl Blumenauer
Member of Congress